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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 11-17 have been amended to cure any deficiencies related to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 as shown at pages 3-4 of the Reply. Applicants' representative appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 1-10 are allowable. In view of at least the foregoing, it is believed the application is in condition for allowance - a prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP1087US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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